

## EDITORIAL.

DEAR STUDENTS,

There are a few points I should like to bring before your notice this Christmas. The number of students who have now left Ambleside is large, and every year makes it more difficult for the "Association" to be one of personal acquaintances. Therefore if we are not to drift into the torpids we must make a very real effort. For some time the Pianta, thanks largely to a meeting held at Ambleside, has grown in size and vigour; but I must ask you again to remember that it only exists for you and by you. I ought not to hear of articles and items in the ways of private intercourse, nor to get them only when entreated or demanded. I am always ready to receive and consider any material sent to me. I have never rejected anything, and very seldom brought the Editorial blue pencil into play. As our invaluable Secretary has now left London, it will be more difficult than ever to rally round a common centre if we do not make that centre our Magazine. The Association does not exist to do things for us, but to enable us to do things for, and exchange experiences with, one another. Thought, when vital, expands, and P.N.E.U. thought is more to-day than it was five, three, or even one year ago; and each generation ought to hand on the ever brightening lamp to those further from the light. We are *not* a mere "Old Girls' Association;" we are pledged to a common work with one hope of our calling, and it is those most naturally airy and careless who most need to feel the solid regiment of the others marching around them. It is possible that I myself in the future may be further from London and doing more exacting work, which will hinder me from attending the students' meetings, so I must take this opportunity of begging you to remember what an advantage such chances of intercourse are to us, and asking

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those who are fortunate enough to attend them to send me notice of those present, and of any interesting topics touched upon. I hope in future to make the Magazine quarterly and more regular; this depends largely upon the funds. For the next issue Papers should reach me by *March 1st*; and I would especially ask for letters or papers on the following topics:—

- (1) The relations between Nursery and Schoolroom where both exist in the same household.
- (2) The proper treatment of magic and witchcraft.
- (3) Dolls—their cult and their value.
- (4) Methods of teaching Geometry.

I should like, if it can be done with no suspicion of advertisement, to include an account of the working P.R.S. Schools. What we most want to hear is, what features are most prominent and what modifications, if any, are made. Whatever ties the future may have in store for me, I hope always to be available and ready for any services that I can render to the Association—to which all good wishes for the coming year—may it both grow and prosper.

Yours truly,

THE EDITOR.